

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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3rd Sunday of Lent

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" *Lk 13:2-3*

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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and the universal Church. We will strive to enrich our community spiritually, pastorally and socially, and to be a family of worship and prayer for all.

Rev. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday;
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Parish Membership: Every family and single adult to be considered active members of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the parish, receiving and regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes. Only in this way can the parish issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. New parishioners are requested to visit the parish office.

Sick & Shut-ins: The priests are available to administer the Sacraments to those who are unable to come to Church. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is part of the healing ministry of the Church, and should be received early in an illness or before a serious operation.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriages: In order to provide sufficient time for the Marriage Preparation Course, please call the parish office and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding.

Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Anthony Martelli

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Liz Mulvaney

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914)965-0566,
Tina Falcone

Trustees: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

Of God's Wisdom, Mercy and Love

At first blush, the Ten Commandments sound like a list of rules.



But when you look at the actual words, you see that they are personal and relational. Each begins or includes the word "you." They all concern the relationship between us and God or our relationship with each other. They form the foundation of the covenant between God and the Chosen People. Even among these commandments, God shows that the odds are tilted in humanity's favor. Punishment will be inflicted

"down to the third and fourth generation", which sounds awful, "but mercy will be bestowed down to the thousandth generation," basically forever (Exodus 20:5-6). God's anger does not last forever, but God's love does.

Jews and Gentiles are both blinded by their expectations, but in different ways. The Jews of Jesus' time had expectations of a Messiah who would come with worldly power and defeat whatever regime was ruling them. A suffering and dying Messiah made no sense. The Greeks, with their emphasis on philosophy, valued wisdom. Philosophy, after all, means "love of wisdom" in Greek. What wisdom is there in following someone who eschewed fame, embraced the outcasts, and eventually was put to death? But "the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength" (1 Corinthians 1:25). The wisdom and the power of God were not obvious, even to his disciples at the time, but it was in humbling himself that he became exalted.

The Gospel takes place in the temple in Jerusalem, the sign of God's presence here on earth. And it takes place around the feast of Passover, when the deliverance of God's Chosen People from Egypt is recalled. But Jesus is able to say, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up," for himself is God's presence here on earth more than any human construction, and he is the agent of salvation more than the remembrance of Passover (John 2:19).

Question of the Week:

How can I take the mercy and wisdom of God and pass it on to others in my day-to-day life? Am I providing an example of God's mercy in my relationships with others? Am I providing an example of God's wisdom by valuing what the world ridicules?

(Pastoral Patterns – Winter 2017)

2018 Cardinal's Appeal

As announced at last weekend Masses, we'll be conduct this year's Cardinal's Appeal this weekend. Please be as generous as your means allow you. I do feel awkward coming to you again after your great generosity towards the Renew and Rebuild campaign just a few months ago. My part is to pray that the Lord continues to bless you and your family in every aspect. Please remember to begin your payments towards your Renew and Rebuild Campaign, if you have not yet started. Also, please don't let these gifts affect your tithe – which sustain us weekly. We're still struggling to reach our weekly budget. Thanks for all your generosity. May the Lord bless you abundantly. Amen.

Our 40-Day Novena Prayer

Again, our parish intention in this novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots is God's blessings on the intentions you brought forward, a deeper relationship with God for each one of us, and for us to reach our weekly tithe goals.

Blessings

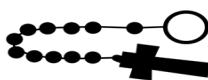
Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Rosa and Antonio Troia by Rosalie and Salvatore Di Chiara.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is lit in honor of Paul and Loreta Capuano as they celebrate their "50th" Wedding Anniversary, donated by Barbara Troutman.



THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will meet this Monday, March 5th at 7 p.m. in the school building. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially William Edward Tobias and Dolores Grier.



Rest in Peace

BE "INFORMED" FOR MARCH

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

**BE A PART OF THE ST. BART'S PASSION PLAY**

We need actors for the Passion Play. Come and show us your talents and be a part of this great Parish event. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY

Sign up to have your picture taken for the St. Bart's Parish Family Directory after the Masses, or sign up on line via our parish web site, www.saintbartparish.org. or call the Parish Office. Photography dates are March 21st, 22nd and 23rd from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity!!

Important Notice

CHRISM MASS: Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, March 27th, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. **Please come support our own parish priests.** We are currently working on costs and means of transportation to and from St. Patrick's. Please call the Parish Office to make a reservation.

OUR 2017 LENTEN AND EASTER WISH LIST

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items needed for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies:

- ◆ 7 bundles of Palms for Palm Sunday at \$60 each
- ◆ Easter Paschal Candle at \$350
- ◆ **New Devotional Candles Stands in the Church (3) if interested please call the Parish Office**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PASTA NIGHT IN HONOR OF VINCENT J. CAMPISI

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society
Next Saturday, March 10th, 6 p.m.



PARISH MISSION
March 12th, 13th and 14th, 7 p.m.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY
Monday, March 26th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration During Lent

There will be Eucharistic Adoration, every Friday during Lent from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the exception of First Friday Adoration which is from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Each Friday during Lent, beginning at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!

LOCAL EVENTS

THE 63RD ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MCLEAN AVENUE
Saturday, March 24, 2018 – Starting at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10, 2018 - Annual Dinner Dance 6:30 p.m.
Good Time Room at the Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, 810 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY



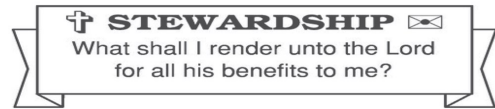
The Parade Committee is proud to announce that former Irish Ambassador to the United States **Anne Anderson** is the 2018 Grand Marshal and she will lead the Parade, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Before the Parade, at 11:15 a.m., the Parade Committee will participate in a Mass at St. Barnabas High School Chapel. All are welcome.

Please join us at the parade, either as a marcher or a spectator. If you are interested in attending the Annual Dinner on March 10th at the Empire City Casino, please contact Jean Tickell, the Dinner Chairman at (914) 419-3611 or at paradedinner@gmail.com, or visit the Parade website at <http://www.yonkerspatricksparade.org>.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF YONKERS, will hold their next meeting on Thursday, March 15th at 1 p.m. at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. All new members are welcome. Call 914 423-5331 for more information. **Also the group will hold their 26th Anniversary luncheon** on Thursday, April 19th at 1 p.m. at Gianna's Restaurant, 1034 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY. Cost is \$25 payable at the luncheon. Reservations are required.

CYFM Garrison. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY: **TEENS; Boys' Day By Day Agape Retreat** 7p.m. March 9 through 5p.m. March 11 2018. Real teens giving real talks about real life and real love, supported and assisted by an adult team and Friars. Great music, food and fun. : No matter where you are in your spiritual journey, satisfy your deepest longing, Cost \$125 for materials, meals & lodging; full and partial scholarships are available. . We now accept online registration & payment by check or www.cyfm.org, click on "events" Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote or call (845) 424-3609.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,003.25
Balance	- \$1,996.75
*(Envelopes \$4,728.25,+ Online \$275.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of February	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$16,066.70

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share.
Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Cynthia Mascetta King, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento and Isabel Medina.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **The next meeting is this Sunday, March 4th.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is Sunday, March 11th.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

March 4, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 3 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vincent Tramontozzi +

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:30 AM Margaret Manning +

10:00 AM Rosa & Antonio Troia +

11:30 AM Salvatore De Rosa +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, March 5

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Andrew Ridzik +

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Tuesday, March 6

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Loreta & Paul Capuano (Living)

9:00 AM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +

Wednesday, March 7

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Jim O'Kelly +

Thursday, March 8

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

Friday, March 9

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Jr. +

Saturday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi +

11:30 AM Wesner Thenor-Louis, Sr. +

5:00 PM Sofia Vazquez and Jovita Romero +

March 4, 2018

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



Our warmest welcome to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you! Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.

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If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below, or you may also use the Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church; and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you!

Name:

Address:

City/Zip:

Telephone:

Comment:

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- I am interested in parish membership.
 - I am a visitor.
 - Change of Address / Telephone Number.
 - I am moving out of the Parish.
 - I am going to the hospital.
 - I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
 - Please send me the Catholic New York.
 - I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.